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Comments by the delegation of South Africa

The following comments were submitted by the delegation of South Africa.

I. Definition of produce¹

This standard applies to the following varieties (cultivars) of fruit, classified as “citrus fruit”, to be supplied fresh to the consumer, citrus fruit for industrial processing being excluded:

- lemons grown from the species *Citrus limon* (L.) Burm. f. **and hybrids thereof**
- Persian limes grown from the species *Citrus latifolia* (Yu. Tanaka) Tanaka, a large-fruited acid lime known also as Bearss or Tahiti and hybrids thereof
- Mexican limes grown from the species *Citrus aurantifolia* (Christm.) Swingle, also known as key limes and sour limes and hybrids thereof
- Indian sweet limes, Palestine sweet limes grown from the species *Citrus limettioides* Tanaka
- mandarins (*Citrus reticulata* Blanco), including satsumas (*Citrus unshiu* Marcow.), clementines (*Citrus clementina* hort. ex Tanaka), common mandarins (*Citrus deliciosa* Ten.) and tangerines (*Citrus tangerina* Tanaka), grown from these species and hybrids thereof
- oranges grown from the species *Citrus sinensis* (L.) Osbeck **and hybrids thereof**
- grapefruit grown from the species *Citrus paradisi* Macfad. and hybrids thereof
- pummelos or Shaddock grown from the species *Citrus maxima* (Burm.) Merr. and hybrids thereof.

¹ All information on botanical names is taken from the GRIN database. See www.ars-grin.gov

VI. Provisions concerning marking

Each package² must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside:

B. Nature of produce

- Common name of the species³:
 - If the produce is not visible from the outside, then the common name of the species is required
 - ~~- If the produce is visible from the outside, then the common name of the species is not required, but it is optional~~
- “Mixture of citrus fruit” or equivalent denomination and common names of the different species, in case of a mixture of citrus fruit of distinctly different species
- For oranges: the name of the variety⁴ or variety group⁵ is required
- For mandarins:
 - For satsumas: the common name of the variety group, e.g. “*Satsumas*”, is required. The variety name is optional⁶
 - For clementines: the common name of the variety group, e.g. “*Clementines*”, is required. The variety name is optional⁷
 - “With seeds” for clementines with more than 10 seeds per fruit
 - “Seedless” (optional)⁸
 - For all mandarins and their hybrids: the common name of the variety group, e.g. “*Mandarins*” or “*Tangerines*” is required. The variety name is optional^{9,10}
- For grapefruit and hybrids: the indication “pink” or “red” where appropriate. The variety name is optional
- For pummelos and hybrids: the indication “pink” or “red” where appropriate. The variety name is optional
- For lemons: the common name of the species, e.g. “*Lemons*”, is required. The variety name is optional
- For limes: the common name of the species, e.g. “*Limes*”, is required. The variety name is optional
- The name of the variety can be replaced by a synonym.

² These marking provisions do not apply to sales packages presented in packages.

³ For example: “Oranges”, “Lemons”, “Limes”, “Grapefruit”, “Pummelos”, “Mandarins”, “Tangerines”, “Clementines”, “Satsumas”, etc.

⁴ For example: “Navelina”, “Washington”, “Valencia Late”, “Delta Seedless”, “Salustiana”, “”, etc.

⁵ For example: “Navels”, “Valencias”, “Blood oranges”, etc.

⁶ For example: “~~Owari-Satsuma~~”, “Miho Wase”, etc. is optional.

⁷ For example: “~~Nules-Clementine~~”, “Clemenules”, “Marisol”, etc. is optional.

⁸ Seedless citrus fruit may occasionally contain seeds.

⁹ For example: “ARCCIT 1614”, “LB 8-9”, “Nova”, “Winola”, etc. is optional.

¹⁰ The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the variety name of Mandarins and their hybrids. Where national legislation requires, the variety name should be indicated on the packages where applicable.